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It seems that this format for the KEYNOTER will be rather permanent, as it was so well received. Appreciate all who wrote regarding our last mailing to comment on the terrific Candidate Listing, the unusual G. W. research material and the KEYNOTER.....Have had inquiries regarding extra copies of the Candidate Listing, as many wish to present copies to a school or library. A limited supply will be made available for APIC members at a dollar each; non-members who wish a copy, at \$1.50 each; send requests and payment to Ferd O'Brien, our Secretary-Treasurer.

MORE ON REPRODUCTIONS

Have had several inquiries as to what tokens have been reproduced, and in what medals etc. they are to be found. Since the APIC strongly condemns such practices, we are glad to supply this information. In 1960 twenty four different tokens were offered, as follows: The four 'True' 38mm 1860 tokens, the Lincoln, AL1860-18 (Satterlee #216) (King #16); the Douglas, SD 1860-2 (S#316); the Bell, JBELL 1860-1 (S#336) and the Breckinridge, JCB1860-1 (S#349). These were issued in brass with blank reverse, and advertised as limited, as they were being struck from the original dies. (?) The following twenty medals were offered in white metal and identified with the initials 'REB' or the name 'BECKER' incised on the reverse.

Lincoln: 27mm AL 1860-51	S#294	King #48	McClellan: 34mm GMCC 1864-8
38mm AL 1860-10	S#259	King #10	32mm GMCC 1864 10
28mm AL 1860-41	S#284	King #38	J.C. Fremont: 35mm JF 1864-2
34mm AL 1864-4	-	King #75	Jeff Davis: 38mm, bust to half right, reverse blank.
Douglas: 40mm SD 1860-1	S#314		38mm, Ex-President (a reunion medal)
38mm SD 1860-2	S#316		
25mm SD 1860-13	S#325		

J. Bell: 33mm JBELL 1860-4 S#337

Breckinridge: 25mm JCB 1860-3 S#353

John Brown: 32 mm (by Lovette) SL 1859-1

Anti - Davis: 25mm, depicts JD hanging from gallows, Reverse, Death to Traitors.

Hartford Wide Awakes: 28mm depicts a wide awake marcher. (Waterbury Conn.)

Wealth to the South: 22 mm, depicts a palm tree and cotton bales. (True)

U. S. Grant: USG 1868-24, depicts G. & Colfax to left, reverse, 'Let us have peace' with clasp hands.....

It seems that none of these items had much public acceptance so there aren't many on the market at present and have heard of no offers to sell. To my knowledge there does remain a sizeable inventory that has not been destroyed, and which could appear on the market at any time. The APIC tried without success to get assurances that the 'fakes' would be destroyed, since all were made prior to the APIC Constitution and Code of Ethics, we were without power to act as we would have liked. So be alert should any of these be offered, and they look too good. Some sharp dealers aren't above doctoring white metal to look old either, so be aware, and notify the APIC giving particulars. More and more of the T. R. & Parker rolled cents are coming on the market..all dates, not only 1903 & 04 Indian heads, so be careful, they are probably not authentic campaign items. IT IS MUCH BETTER TO HAVE A BLANK SPACE THAN A FAKE!



PROHIBITION NATIONAL CONVENTION



by U. I. Chick Harris, #139.

The twenty-fourth Prohibition Party National Convention, the first of the 1964 nominating conventions, was held August 29 & 30, 1963 at the Mark-Twain Hotel, in St. Louis, Missouri. E. Harold Munn, Sr., of Hillsdale, Michigan was chosen as Presidential nominee and Mark R. Shaw of Belmont, Massachusetts for the Vice-Presidency.

As usual the first day was given over to speeches and the Keynote address by the 1960 Presidential Candidate, Dr. Rutherford L. Decker of Kansas City, Mo. There was a dinner honoring the past candidates and state chairman and an evening banquet with Mrs. Fred Toose, President of the W.T.C.U, and Retired Bishop W. E. Hammaker, (Methodist) a long time prohibitionist, as speakers; both were enthusiastically received. As usual various Committees were functioning behind the scenes preparing for the second and most important sessions.

The Platform was presented the second afternoon, and although very similar to the 1960 draft, there was much debate and several substitute sections were submitted from the floor and a surprising number were adopted as amended. Compulsory Military Service, Labor and Management, Church and State Relations, and Civil Rights were sections that were changed and took up most of the discussion.

The Convention was very spirited with the ban on liquor sales in Washington, D. C., during the Freedom March, sparking the whole Convention. There was a close two way contest for President between E. Harold Munn, Sr., and Milton Conover of New Jersey. Prof. Munn, age 55, was V. P. candidate in 1960 and present National Prohibitionist Co-Chairman. Professor Conover, presently teaching at Seaton Hall, has had long party affiliation and has done much research on the Party and the prohibition movement and its historical contributions.

Sixty-nine delegates from 18 states took part and the final vote for President was 37 to 32 in favor of Prof. Munn. The Vice-Presidency was a wide open race with numerous favorite sons being nominated, after Prof. Conover refused the Vice-Presidency. It was obvious that Mark R. Shaw had the majority support and all withdrew except Rev. H. H. Dabbs of Illinois; with Shaw winning handily. Munn's acceptance speech promised an active campaign and a real drive to get on many more tickets in 1964. Shaw who is 74, but looks much younger, told of his first recollection of being a prohibitionist--it was when he was four, just seventy years ago. The year was 1892, and Bidwell and Cranfill the Candidates--he remembers riding in a parade, in a coaster wagon, with a banner for Bidwell & Cranfill.

Many of the delegates were well up in years, but there is a group of younger men who were most enthusiastic and giving new vigor to the party. Ken Lee #52, is one of this group and was a delegate from Tennessee, and a member of the Platform Committee.

The newspaper, radio and T. V. coverage was beyond their wildest expectations, with several speeches being taped as well as the nominating session and the acceptance speeches. The Prohibition Party was only on eleven state tickets in 1960 and feels that this is their biggest challenge--they are striving for 30 in 1964. It will be interesting to see if the enthusiasm generated in St. Louis in 1963 can be kept until election day 1964. Additional states could increase the total vote for Munn & Shaw considerably and easily obtain more than the 46,203 votes cast in 1960 for Decker and Munn.

A personal note, I attended most of the sessions, being registered as a visitor. The frame of Prohibition Party items which were on display attracted much attention and recalled some fond memories for some of the older delegates. You're probably wondering if I have furthered my collection, the answer is NO, seems seldom do the party workers have items, many had never seen most of the items, even the 1960 Decker.